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1 A computer system, comprising:

2 at least one user computer;

3 a data input device associated with the user computer;

4 a Web server communicating with the user computer;

5 server logic means at the Web server for generating a table of inlinks to at least one
6 Web page associated with the Web server; and

7 user logic means at the user computer for accessing the table of inlinks to facilitate
8 generating a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one
9 of the inlinks in the table, for accessing the sibling links.

1 2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the user logic means includes means for downloading
2 the table from the Web server to the user computer, each inlink on the table being a hyperlink to a
3 respective Web site, such that a person operating the user computer can select one of the inlinks to
4 invoke the Web site associated with the selected inlink.

1 3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the user logic means includes:

2 means for downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer; and

3 means for automatically accessing the inlinks to search the inlinks for predetermined
4 information.

1 4. The system of Claim 1, further comprising a data storage device for storing at least
2 portions of the table.

1 5. The system of Claim 4, further comprising means at the Web server for pruning
2 inlinks in the table in response to at least one preselected criterium.

1 6. The system of Claim 5, wherein the preselected criterium is based at least in part on
2 a number of selections of each inlink

1 7. A computer-implemented method for accumulating information on the World Wide
2 Web that is relevant to at least one topic, comprising the steps of:

3 at a Web server, generating a list of inlinks for at least one Web page associated with
4 the server; and

5 at a user computer, downloading the list of inlinks for facilitating information retrieval
6 using the list.

1 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the list is a table, and the method includes generating
2 a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one of the inlinks in
3 the table, for searching the sibling links.

1 9. The method of Claim 8, further including downloading the table from the Web server
2 to the user computer, each inlink on the table being a hyperlink to a respective Web site, such that

3 a person operating the user computer can select one of the inlinks to invoke the Web site associated
4 with the selected inlink.

1 10. The method of Claim 8, further comprising:

2 downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer; and

3 automatically accessing the inlinks to search the inlinks for predetermined information.

1 11. The method of Claim 8, further comprising pruning inlinks in the table in response
2 to at least one preselected criterium.

1 12. The method of Claim 11, wherein the preselected criterium is based at least in part
2 on a number of selections of each inlink.

1 13. A computer program device comprising:

2 a computer program storage device readable by a user computer; and

3 a program means on the program storage device and including instructions executable by the
4 user computer for performing method steps for searching the World Wide Web, the method steps
5 comprising:

6 downloading a Web page from a Web server;

7 requesting an inlinks or backlinks list associated with the Web page; and

8 in response to the requesting step, receiving from the Web server the list of inlinks
9 or backlinks to the Web page.

1 14. The computer program device of Claim 13, wherein the method steps further comprise:
2 automatically accessing the list to obtain sibling links to the Web page.

1 15. A computer program device comprising:
2 a computer program storage device readable by a Web server; and
3 a program means on the program storage device and including instructions executable by the
4 Web server for performing method steps for compiling information useful for searching the World
5 Wide Web, the method steps comprising:
6 receiving hyperlink requests for Web pages, each hyperlink request being sent via an
7 inlink;
8 recording at least some inlinks along with one or more inlink criteria; and
9 transmitting the inlinks to user computers requesting the inlinks.

1 16. The computer program device of Claim 15, wherein the inlink criteria include one or
2 more of: inlink request time, and number of times each inlink is used to hyperlink a user computer
3 to a Web page.